

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,058,558). Claim 1 has been amended to include an inlet duct having an outlet in communication with the inlet of the air conditioner. The inlet duct defines an inlet in communication with air at a location behind the radiator with the inlet of the inlet duct draws the air from the location behind the radiator in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle.

Ueda, et al. discloses an inlet duct 26 having an outlet in communication with the inlet of an air cleaner 13. However, the inlet of the inlet duct 26 is in communication with air at a location in front of the radiator and not behind the radiator as is defined in amended Claim 1. In addition, the inlet of the inlet duct 26 of Ueda, et al. draws the air in a direction parallel to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and not transverse to the longitudinal direction as is defined in amended Claim 1.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 4-7, which ultimately depend from Claim 1, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

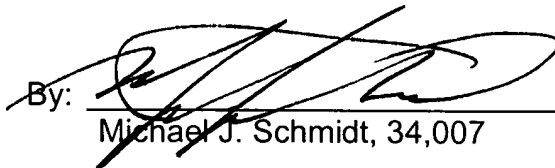
Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda, et al. as disclosed above in reference to Claims 1 and 4-7. Claims 2 and 3 ultimately depend from Claim 1. As detailed above, Claim 1 has been amended and is now believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Thus, Claims 2 and 3 are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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